

Appl. No. 10/532,846
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REMARKS

If the Examiner believes that there are any unresolved issues in any of the claims now pending in the application, the Examiner is urged to telephone Mr. Peter L. Michaelson, Esq. at 732-542-7800 so that appropriate arrangements can be made for resolving such issues as expeditiously as possible.

Claim Amendments/Restriction Requirement

The Applicant has now rewritten claim 1 to incorporate the substantive limitations of claim 6. Similarly, independent claims 26, 27 and 29 have similarly been amended. Claim 6 has now been canceled.

The Applicant believes that this amendment to claim 1 sufficiently distinguishes that claim from the teachings of the Perun patent (US patent 4,857,698). Claim 1 remains generic to claims 2-29, each of which depends either directly or indirectly from the former claim or references the former claim.

Thus, the restriction requirement should now be withdrawn and all the non-elected claims rejoined.

Further, various minor amendments, generally to correct grammatical and formal errors, have also been made to claims 1, 3, 18, 24, 26, 27 and 29.

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Conclusion

Consequently, the Applicant believes that all of the pending claims are presently in condition for allowance. Accordingly, both reconsideration of this application and its swift passage to issue are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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